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COVER PICTURE: HAPPY LANDINGS! Mr and Mrs Eric Sinclair, emigrants from Doncaster, with their two children, are welcomed at Canberra by Harley McKean (right) of Canberra Branch (see article on page 314).

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IN AND OUT

-notes & comment

WHEN WE took over at Dor Knap six years ago we were told that somewhere there was a well that once yielded fine spring water, though nobody could tell us where it was, and there were

Source of Surprise no maps to help. Our initial search, including the use of a water-diviner, proved fruitless and over the years we had become dependent upon the precarious piped supply from the estate, knowing that in a dry season we might find ourselves without water. During the 'Seniors' Week' this August, HARRY QUARMAN, an ex-miner from Caerphilly Branch, was digging a two foot deep drainage trench behind the "Bothy" when his pick struck through a hole, and there, beneath a great slab was the missing well, stone lined and some seventeen feet deep, full of crystal clear water. The theme of the Seniors' Week was "Rediscovering Toc H": wherein, we like to think, is a parable.

TOC H WILL again be represented at the Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph on Sunday, November 8, by ex-Servicemen of both World Wars and by ex-National Servicemen. Full

That's for Remembrance details of the arrangements will have been sent to Branches in London and the Home Counties. Any enquiries from further afield should be addressed to the General Secretary at Headquarters. Every year, the gap between Poppy Day income and annual expenditure grows wider. Last year it reached the figure of £235,000—over £100,000 greater than in 1962. Since the Poppy Day appeal is the main source of funds from which the British Legion Haig's Fund maintains the Homes, factories, and other schemes of permanent benefit for the disabled of two world wars and other conflicts, the position is becoming very serious indeed.

A cynic once said that a nation's gratitude to its soldiers only lasted six months after war was over. It may not be quite as bad as that, but people do so easily assume that the farther wars recede into history the less become the needs for ex-Servicemen's welfare, whereas the very reverse is true. Often it is only with increasing age that wartime injuries to health begin to take their toll, and help becomes necessary. Toc H members will do well to keep these facts before the public.

THE TIME OF YEAR now approaches when most Branches will be holding their annual general meetings. Some Branch Officers, no doubt, will be resigning their offices with quiet satisfaction

Other Ranks at the end of a good innings; others will be facing the prospect of another year's toil with resignation of a different sort. Most

Branches have the conventional set of Officers but occasionally we hear of unusual titles. One Branch had a 'floor watcher'. They met in a loft with a very shaky floor and on Guest-nights he sat on watch below to give warning if there was too much movement upstairs for safety. Another Branch had a 'teatotaller', who counted the heads and brewed the tea accordingly.

WE HEARD RECENTLY of a rather high-church clergyman, an exceedingly good fellow with tremendous conviction about Toc H, who let it be known that he would prefer to be known as

What's in a Name? "Father A . . .", not that he insisted upon it. Certain members took such great exception to this that they were almost of a mind to decline his services to Toc H if he continued his preference to be called father rather than padre. The oddity is that padre is only a foreign word for father.

THIS YEAR'S Annual Report of the National Old People's Welfare Council takes a realistic look at the way money raised by the public for the benefit of old people is actually used. Co-ordination,

Wise Dispensation the report states, is an unpopular word these days, and yet without it much money is apt to be used indiscriminately, not always among the most necessitous cases. Often it is used in one large 'beano' at Christmas or on a summer outing, with no thought for regular visiting and follow-up work. Efficient local old people's welfare committees could prevent much frittering of resources, but often they themselves are starved of funds necessary for administration, co-ordination and the recruitment and training of volunteers. Where strong committees already exist Toc H Branches will be wise to work in close touch with them, and where they do not, perhaps the Branches can bring influence to bear on local authorities.

Administrator's Wanderings

GEORGE DAVIS

LONDON — Singapore — Perth — Adelaide — Victor Harbour — Melbourne — Point Lonsdale — Mitcham — Sydney — Wellington — Brisbane — Canberra — Melbourne — Sydney — Singapore — Lyneham. That was the itinerary of my thirty-four-day tour which took me 28,500 miles and which kept me airborne for eighty-three hours, and in transit to and from airports a mere twenty-seven hours.

It was my first visit ever to Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand, but the journey was memorable, not for the new vistas of distant lands, but for the discovery of the unity of Toc H across the world.

Could unity have been expressed in more diverse ways? Most warming of all was the privilege of enlarging my own personal friendships with so many grand folk who made me more welcome than I'd have believed possible. Then followed the realisation that what so many of us in Britain imagine are problems related specifically to Toc H here are exactly the same as the problems our fellow members are faced with the other side of the world. We here are concerned to improve the pattern of meetings, to get through our business sessions with briskness and humour, to have speakers whose presentation and subject matter make it worthwhile to invite guests to hear them. In Australia and New Zealand our fellow members are equally concerned with all these matters and with the need to pioneer new jobs which will appeal to younger members.

I found tremendous interest everywhere in the work of the Schools Section, which has resulted in Britain in the

holiday work projects, in Loch Eil, in developments such as Langdale and Colsterdale, in the Pioneers and Mobile Action, and the registration of Toc H Volunteers. In Australia, I believe, the holiday camps organised at Victor Harbour in South Australia and at Point Lonsdale in Victoria can, in their turn, be so developed as to make a significant break-through to youth in Australia. Toc H in Queensland is planning a youth camp, and in New Zealand following Tubby's visit earlier this year a major scheme to involve members in making contact with youth through sport is being prepared. In all these special efforts aimed at younger folk, I am sure that Toc H must not only serve the communities in Britain and Australia, but its members must fiercely and passionately believe that membership is a privilege which should be sought by many of those with whom the job is bringing them into contact.

Witnessing Too Humbly

At one of the many Guest-nights, I challenged the visitors to consider whether they should not seek membership of Toc H themselves, the better to support the great job being done by a small local Branch, and I'll not forget one of the visitors saying to me afterwards: "In my eighteen months here—and I've been to several meetings—no-one has ever asked me to join." I am sure the quality of friendship we experience in Toc H must encourage us to banish dissidence and reticence. Too many of us hide behind the Fourth Point of the Compass, "To witness humbly", and don't witness at all. I'm not at all sure we don't need to re-write the Four Points in today's idiom.

That is another sign of our unity. Overseas, as well as here, there is a growing awareness of the need to translate our forms and ceremonies into the language and mood of the day. In essence nothing has changed, but it is no longer relevant to refer so directly to the experiences of 1914-18. A sign of this was the enthusiastic reception given to the proposed alternative Ceremony of Light which I demonstrated at every port of call. A minority still preferred the

original Ceremony, but certainly the majority welcomed the positive, forward-looking words of St. Francis, so wonderfully adapted by Alan Paton.

The Central Council in 1963 adopted a Resolution to double the membership by Jubilee Year. The first section of Toc H in the world to give practical proof of this has been Western Australia, where a devoted extension team has doubled the membership in eighteen months. The old pattern is thus demonstrated to be relevant.

The rest of Australia is anxious to follow the lead of Perth, and I was glad to be able to assist in their planning for the recruitment of staff to help them rebuild Toc H. The present leadership in Australia is willing to accept big risks in taking the next steps forward; we in Britain will be glad to take any opportunity that offers to help them, even if it means depriving ourselves of men or money, or both. So can the unity be seen and experienced.

It is fashionable these days to deride religious beliefs; on our television programmes the popular speakers poke fun at the 'soothsayers.' We in Toc H can be proud to be members of a world-wide Movement which is not ashamed to acknowledge that, whatever its kinds or levels of churchmanship, we are members of a Family that takes its inspiration from a common belief in the Fatherhood of God.

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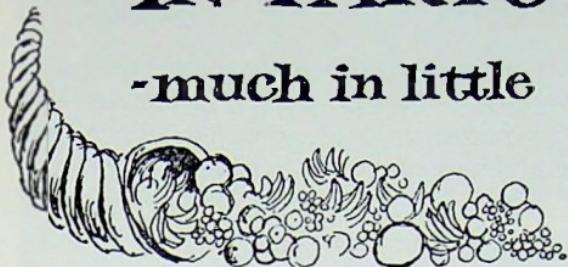
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generously for your poppy*

Poppy Day

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MULTUM IN PARVO

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¶ DICK AND EILEEN HUGHES, Warden and Matron of the Talbot House Residential Club for Seafaring Boys, Southampton, since 1962, have relinquished their appointments. We wish them well for the future. DICK is succeeded as Warden by E. P. ('TED') HILLMAN, Deputy Warden since 1962.

¶ MEMBERS' ROLLS FOR 1965 will soon be received by Branch Secretaries. The Branch Executive is responsible in the first instance for considering the health of the Branch in terms of "members in good standing". A meeting for this purpose during December will ensure that no undue delay occurs in completing the Roll.

¶ TOC H FINANCIAL YEAR ends on October 31. This month gives us the last chance this year of exceeding the average contribution to the Family Purse of 52s. per member.

¶ PEOPLE TO PEOPLE WEEK, NOVEMBER 15-21. This is the special opportunity, much valued already by some Branches, for encouraging friendship between British families and people from other countries living in Britain.

¶ WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT: From Bristol at 9 p.m. on December 11, and westward of there at the same hour by local time as far as the Pacific. Thence in turn, westward from New Zealand to Bristol, the Chain will be completed at 9 p.m. by local time on December 12.

¶ HOLIDAY A BROADS, 1965. (Please see July JOURNAL, page 246). Places are strictly limited for this exciting holiday aboard the Norfolk Wherry *Albion*. To ensure a place in 'ship's company' applications to Peter Talbot, 62 High Street, Lowestoft, should be in by November 30. After that, 'first come, first served'.

Fisher of Men

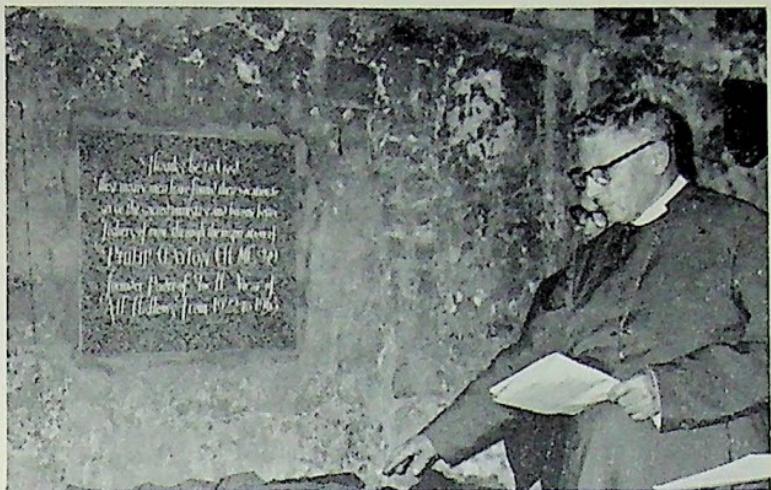
THE NUMBER of clergymen who have been brought to enter their ministry through Toc H in general, and ¶ Tubby Clayton in particular, will never be known, but certainly it is many hundreds; some would put it at well over a thousand.

It was with this cause for deep thankfulness in mind that a number of Anglican clergymen, some now well on in years, others not so old, converged upon London on Saturday, July 25. First at St. Martin-in-the-Fields they attended Holy Communion, celebrated by the Vicar, AUSTEN WILLIAMS and COLIN CUTTELL, Vicar of All Hallows, both of whom owed their calling to Tubby and Toc H.

At lunch afterwards TUBBY reminisced about his schemes, as far back as May 1915, for meeting the desperate manpower shortage within the Church. Little could he have foreseen then how some of those dreams were to be achieved through something as unpremeditated as Toc H.

A launch loaned for the occasion by the Port of London Authority took the party down river to Tower Hill, and there inside All Hallows, in the presence of many clergy and lay folk, a plaque was unveiled by the Bishop of Zululand, the Rt. Rev. TOM SAVAGE (one more of Tubby's 'finds'). The plaque, another lovely work by CECIL THOMAS, whose sculptures already adorn All Hallows, gives thanks for Tubby's forty years of ministry as Vicar of All Hallows in these words:

Thanks be to God that many men have found their vocation to serve the sacred ministry and become better fishers of men through the inspiration of Philip Clayton, C.H., M.C., D.D., Founder Padre of Toc H, Vicar of All Hallows from 1922 to 1963.



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The Bishop of Zululand unveils the plaque.

An address was given by the Rev. STANLEY CLAPHAM, who was in business in India when he first came under Tubby's influence. He had flown over from San Francisco specially to be present on this occasion.

In his tribute he said: "Tubby's life has been a kind of witness to a working example of the New Testament teaching. Surely no human being has shown this better than Tubby.

"Perhaps no priest of our Communion has brought more men and women to Christ, in a more personal and intimate way, than this dear and lovable man. I know from experience that trying to serve in the Christian family demands all of ourselves—good and bad. Tubby has given, freely to all mankind, himself and what he has received from the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"Not only among men, but in material things too, you have only to look around you to witness what, under his hand, has been accomplished—the transformation of Tower Hill; the rebuilding of All Hallows. . . . From him we can indeed learn that sacrifice is nothing if the prize is great."

J.C.

Constructive Fellowship

II—In a Village

GEORGE LEE

LIKE SO MANY other units, Scarthoe Branch in Lincolnshire Area had become rather fed-up with wandering from one church hall to another for their meetings, without any real home of their own. After being turfed out of one, with no alternative but to move to another, the members decided that the time had come to seriously consider the finding of a headquarters which could really become 'home'. Search revealed that no suitable building existed locally, so there seemed little or no alternative to a completely new structure. A suitable design was prepared and estimates sought; horror of horrors, the lowest price for such a building was roughly £1,500, and that was a lot for any unit to find when determined that the Family Purse and other commitments should not suffer in the process. Heads were then put together and the 'do-it-yourself' boys won the day, but not before a down-to-earth reckoning of what time each man, taking his other commitments into consideration, could give to the project.

This agreed, Jack the foreman ordered the timber, a local farmer offered one of his larger barns, at that time empty, for the purpose of the sectional construction. Night after night, weekend after weekend, the task of cutting, planing, fitting and assembling the sections progressed.

Where was the money to come from? Whist drives, mannequin parades, cookery demonstrations, garden parties, etc., all raised their quota, not forgetting the invaluable support given by the Old Age Pensioners and youngsters who organised events in their back gardens and sent their few shillings of immeasurable support to the

growing fund. There was also the problem of where to put the building once it was completed! Fortunately the local Boy Scouts occupied a building on a plot of land pretty centrally situated in the village and they warmly supported the suggestion of having Toc H as their neighbours, particularly when the owner of the site, Lord Yarborough, also readily agreed.



Grimsby Evening Telegraph

**The Mayor of Grimsby, Ald. C. J. Moody,
opens the new Scarthoe headquarters.**

The original understanding concerning hours of labour became clouded over when some felt that others were perhaps not pulling their weight. Such moments of friction were overcome by the wise counsel of the Branch Officers and so the scheme went forward another step. It was perhaps fortunate that at the time the sections were completed and ready for moving to the site the barn was required by the farmer for agricultural purposes. By that time, using the help of many friends and professional tradesmen, the site had been prepared, foundations dug and laid, sewerage attended to, and the sections were assembled on site.

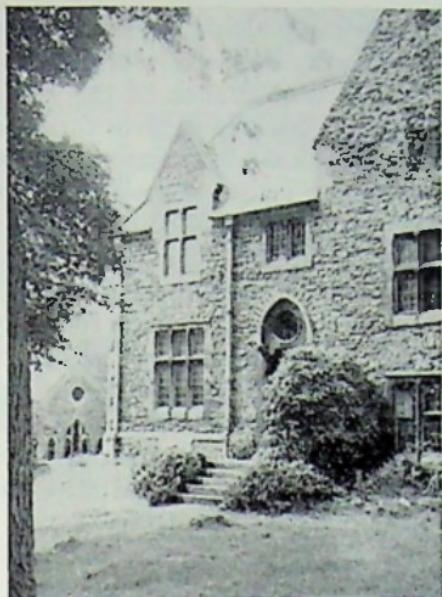
The date for the official opening was fixed, but much had still to be done by way of raising the final monies, painting

inside and out, and fitting electrical installations. The final touches were made just twelve hours before the Mayor of Grimsby officially declared the Headquarters duly opened.

At that point, no doubt, many would have taken a breather, but not Scarthoe. This was not only to be their headquarters, but also their workshop, so immediately it was "coats off to the future". Tables and chairs presented to the Branch by the local W.V.S. are to be used in a Meals on Wheels venture whereby elderly folk who are able to get out will meet at the Toc H headquarters for their meals and afterwards sit on the verandah in garden seats made and presented by pupils of our affiliated Western Secondary Modern School at Grimsby. In addition the Branch has already formed the Toc H Welcome Club whereby all, old and young, who are in need of companionship can meet together. The old folk plan for themselves; it is men only on Mondays, mixed on Wednesdays, and ladies on Thursdays. Through also encouraging the younger folk to take a hand in this Scarthoe hope soon to add to the number of Toc H Volunteers.

What now? The answer to that is given by the Branch Chairman, who says, "We shall double our membership by Jubilee Year!" . . . and with the same spirit that went into the building project . . . they will!

The actual cost to the Branch of this 32 foot by 30 foot building, complete with a large Hall, approximately 32 feet by 20 feet, ladies' and gents' cloakrooms, and a kitchen, has been about £800. Constructed of best cedarwood, tongued and grooved, this is a first-class job which will stand the test of time. The Secretary of Scarthoe Branch, Bill Fletcher, 16 Rosaire Place, Scarthoe, Grimsby, Lines., will gladly supply fuller details of the construction. Apart from friends who gave unstinted service, there was in fact only one tradesman in the Branch! Mind you, it did help to have a qualified Solicitor in a neighbouring Branch to help sort out the legal intricacies of the long lease! But then, half the fun of the thing has been that of involving others, the basic job of Toc H, surely!



Western Area Centre.

World Chain of Light

JOHNNIE
MacMILLAN

IN WHAT can be called the commencement of Jubilee Year, the Vigil of the World Chain of Light will begin in the Toc H Centre at Bristol, in the Western Area.

This Area is made up of the whole of Gloucestershire, a part of Wiltshire and a part of Somerset—parts of the West of England which no doubt will be known to many members of the Toc H Family throughout the world. It has some forty Branches with two groups, and is a mixture of agricultural and industrial communities. One would find in Somerset, in the main, a truly rural situation; again this is almost the picture in Wiltshire, with Gloucestershire and Bristol providing the main industrial element. As in many other Areas, Branches vary in size and in quality. Many new leaders are beginning to come forward as this Area has, in recent years, gone on to the "Promotion of District Teams".

The Centre at Bristol is the former vicarage of St. Andrew's Church and was taken over by Toc H in 1960. It

contains the office for the whole Area, and has now become the Regional Office for the Western Region. It has a smaller office which is used by the Bristol Branch of the British Epilepsy Association. There is a lounge which is furnished comfortably and colourfully; there is a large meeting room, a canteen and kitchen; two large cellar rooms where table tennis, darts and billiards can be played. The place is used by Toc H men and women for Branch evenings, District meetings and training sessions. Various other folk use the place. We have a group of West Indians coming regularly; groups of young people who hold parties and also serve various needs in the immediate neighbourhood; we have our own 'Beat Group'. Members of the Bristol University Toc H group also use the Centre for parties and meetings; a recent innovation is the formation of a Multi-Racial Society. The place can truly be said to be a focal point.

It has become increasingly obvious to many of us that for far too long the Movement has been inward looking, and so we in this Area have taken up the challenge of the Founder Padre in that we are trying to establish real contact with all kinds of men and women. The Centre greatly helps this purpose, for Toc H can challenge those outside to come in, and we too are challenged by their coming in.

This, then, is where the World Chain of Light will begin, and it is with a very real consciousness of the privilege that has been given us that we would ask you to remember us, as we will remember you, on December 11 and 12.

Don't say brown

—say **Hovis**

YES!

OPEN

HUSTINGS

-readers' letters

NO!



On Ceremony

Some extracts from letters

AS FOR THE oft-voiced criticism that the Binyon words were bad because they looked back to the First German War, several members taking part in a Branch discussion said that they interpreted them as having a wider meaning than this—as referring to those victims of every war and as a protest against war.

RODNEY FANTHORPE
Worksop, Notts.

I AM CONVINCED that Light is often a thing which drives away potential members. I know of instances where men very interested in our aims have attended a few meetings but could not be persuaded to come again. They have told me that they were embarrassed by our ceremony, which they found unreal and inappropriate. Now, I am afraid to ask others. I wish the Ceremony could be abandoned except for very special occasions.

VIC BROWN
Northampton.

WHY A SERIES of articles on a possible revision of our Toc H ceremonies just before our Jubilee? It will only cause a lot of unnecessary argument. What a curious time to choose when we have lost Barkis and Mac and with Tubby reaching his 80th birthday next year.

As one who came back from Talbot House I strongly dissent that Toc H was founded in an atmosphere of deepest emotion. The spirit of brotherhood was uppermost and the desire to serve, to love, to create a better world, to be sincere, to continue to make sacrifices, and to develop the sacramental side as we had met it in the Upper Room. Hence, the inspiration of the Lamp that takes us back to the early days of Christianity. I seem to think that this agitation for change is a bit spoofy. What's wrong with the Lamp and its ceremony? Is it because there are members who do not understand symbolism? If so, was their initiation just emptiness?

FRANK GALES
Exmouth, Devon.

WITH THE discussions going on at the moment on the new forms for our ceremonies, I am sure that many will wonder what Barkis would have contributed to the thinking. During the eleven or twelve years I served with him on the Central Guard of the Lamp, much advice was sought in the Areas and many different wordings, both of the Ceremony of Light and of initiation, were considered. I never once heard Barkis hint at a traditionalist or conservative attitude. He often expressed the belief that a form of words which was right and inspired for one generation, was not necessarily right for its grandchildren. I know too that he sought the inspiration both in himself and in others to find the right form of words for this generation. Barkis was a radical at heart.

HARRY GELL

Bromley,
Kent.

PERHAPS IT is a fault of my age (I am over the allotted span), but I cannot understand what the writer is getting at, beyond provoking, in a light-hearted vein—or, if you prefer it, evoking questions and answers on what is for me a very solemn subject . . .

The Ceremony of Light is one of the most solemn and heart-searching of ceremonies and, if it cannot be adapted to international use I have no doubt that a way will be found to overcome this, but, in the meantime, that is no reason why the Ceremony, as we use it, should be altered so long as it meets our need, and I solemnly say that it does.

W. C. DUNDAS

Selkirk.

JOHN IS certainly right when he says that the older generation of members would not like a change, because the emotion in prayers and the Ceremony of Light is still very real to us. It was the emotion set up in the meetings of the 20's and 30's that really attracted us.

Younger men coming into Toc H today are not moved by the prayers and ceremonies, so that if the Lamp is not then lit, our meetings will seem very empty.

I cannot agree that a fishing rod is a suitable symbol, for, after all, that is surely for Christ's Church, that they should become "fishers of men". I do not agree that Toc H should become another religious sect by being evangelistic.

L. GILES
Cheriton, Kent.

SWEEP AWAY JUNK, modernise meeting rooms, Toc H phraseology, etc., by all means, but face the eternal realities in the brief interval of Light whenever Toc H meets.

If we are to convey to present and future generations the spirit of Toc H surely our activities and the words we use must be relevant to our times.

To achieve full effectiveness, universal acceptance of any change seems essential, whether it be lighting the Lamp for a few moments spent in silence, or revising the form of words used.

Through Light, taken predictably in the same form in many varied Toc H circumstances I have always found a unifying link with all other members.

ERNIE WOOD
Wickford, Essex.

I FEEL there is little need of change in this solemn moment at our meetings. To the youth of today, reference to our Elder Brethren may need some explaining. Consider remembrance and rededication of vital importance. "Hats off to the past, coats off to the future!", is most appropriate.

CEDRIC BROCK

Melbourne,
Australia.

Upper Age Limit

READING THE report of the Central Council meeting, I am particularly concerned with the resolution of F. L. Petch advocating the imposition of an upper age limit in Toc H. Can it be that I am so out of touch with Toc H as not to have noticed that it has now become a Movement of young men and that I, being now one of the older men, am holding it back; or do I get the idea that if men like me move out younger men will come flooding in? What utter nonsense!

If it weren't for the older men there wouldn't be any Toc H today anyway. It's the older men who, by and large, are more aware of the need of Toc H in the world today, and they are aware, because like me, their experience in life has been a hard one. Because of that experience it is difficult for them to understand the attitude of the younger men who have known none of these things and who, to use a much hackneyed phrase, "Have never had it so good".

Young men with fire in their bellies indeed!

Plymstock,
Devon.

JIM SYMONS

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Canberra Can Do

HARLEY McKEAN

MY FAMILY and I emigrated to Australia some six years ago, from Hesketh Bank, near Southport, Lancs. My association with Toc H began, first, as secretary in Batlow Branch and now as secretary here in Canberra, the Federal Capital of Australia. Since arriving here I have been concerned with the helping of more migrants from the United Kingdom, in fact I have now nominated some ten families in the six years I have been here. All these nominations have been effected through Toc H and in every case Branch members have assisted in every way possible.

We have here in Canberra a three bedrooned cottage, which members and their wives have fixed up, and which our last nominees came to. They were Mr. and Mrs. E. Sinclair and two children, from Doncaster, Yorkshire. We hope to retain this cottage, which is let at a very modest rent, for successive migrants.

Migrants have been relatives, friends and, in fact, anyone we have heard of and could assist. Only one family was Toc H and they were Mr. and Mrs Les Prior and son Greg, from Southend-on-Sea.

Therefore if any Toc H people are having some difficulty in emigrating to Australia, we might be able to help! The housing problem is really tough, let there be no doubt whatever about that. However, on the basis that anything is worth a try, then we at this end would do our best to help if we possibly could.

Canberra is a beautiful garden city, and everyone here is justifiably proud of this, the Nation's Capital, which is developing at a faster rate, so we understand, than any other city in the world today.

School for Service—II

RAY FABES

ONE DAY, of course, it had to arrive! What happens on a rainy day? One excellent job had been tackled, that of putting a far more suitable set of wheels on a walking machine cage for a mongol boy, who had got too heavy for his parents to support. Then, in this same field, we learned that the Matron of a nearby mental hospital could never keep her toy cupboards full of toys in good repair. We hope to establish a workshop at school where this can be done in future, and a regular supply of toys kept in circulation.

It was about this time that many eyebrows were raised at school, when several boys put requests in front of the Commanding Officer and Headmaster that they might leave the School Cadet Corps and join Toc H activities on a Friday afternoon. This must be a new one!

A firewood service, as done by another of our schools groups in Letchworth, is also considered although our boys seem far happier to do a job that requires some thought. A re-wiring job, and now a garden to design for a blind woman, all need imagination and are gobbled up eagerly.

Word soon got around the city, of the work being done in such a joyful and sincere manner, and led to the Hospital asking for boys to read and write on behalf of those unable to do so for themselves; also for boys who might assist in the pharmacy, primarily only with bottle-washing.

Still the jobs with the handicapped came; the new lino to be laid, the odd jobs, the snow clearance teams, the odd pushing-out job of spinal carriage and wheel-chair patients.

Further thought may be required, and a great deal of investigation, if a local directory of services and organisa-

tions is to be prepared for new residents on the large housing estate on the edge of the city. Many new thoughts about community care; many new needs brought to light. But, more important, many boys being confronted with other people's lives and conditions which they never dreamt existed in the same world in which they were living. Now the Grammar School, with two Toc H members on the staff, are spurred to follow suit. We might ask what is left for the boys to do that will demonstrate what Toc H is all about?

Further Ideas

Still, no doubt Round Table will leap to support with funds, and still there are jobs with the blind; the local news tape recorder has not been ruled out by any means; and there are the deaf and dumb. Many boys have parents as doctors and in social work and we have not so far followed up their contacts. We still haven't been able to give the support necessary to the overworked District Nurses. A collection of clothes is needed to help the Child Care Officer clothe some problem families. All those odd jobs "that need a man's hand", that the W.V.S. find on their rounds in the community have still not been tackled.

One master's wife, and three masters are actively concerned in the organisation of the local National Blood Transfusion Service, and, no doubt by the time the Unit comes again, the boys will have got to work on this.

Several Youth Club members now see much more the thoughtful leadership they can give; some premises have been redecorated—and the Scouts' place too! The fact of boys leaving the Cadet Corps has started many arguments in the school, and this cannot but bring a better understanding of the community's needs.

In this beautiful city with its Roman remains, the Civic Society has been hard pushed to keep its open spaces tidy. Soon the boys—who have been building their own Roman Amphitheatre in the school grounds—will have further active lessons. After the care of people—care and thought-

fulness towards our surroundings—this surely is Toc H in the making.

¶ But it should also be the concern of all of us to ask, “What is the next stage?” Toc H is teaching many young men to learn to think of the community through a service group; but what more is needed to round off their education?

Elder Brethren

‘With proud thanksgiving . . .’

BARLOW.—On August 10, JOHN BARLOW, aged 65, a member of Looe Branch. Elected 31.10.'60.

CUELL.—On July 31, BRIAN CUELL, aged 32, a member of South Ruislip Branch. Elected 24.7.'58.

GARDNER.—On July 12, A. STUART GARDNER, a founder member of Buckingham Branch. Elected 3.2.'50.

GASNIER.—On July 31, CLIFFORD THOMAS GASNIER, aged 59, a member of Grouville Branch (Jersey). Elected 11.8.'62.

GRANT.—On July 21, LEONARD CORNWALL GRANT, aged 61, a member of Sandown Branch. Elected 28.10.'47.

GREENWAY.—On July 12, JOHN FITTER GREENWAY, aged 72, a South Wales Area member. Elected 5.7.'50.

HYND.—On August 10, DANIEL HYND ('Jock'), aged 65, a member of Saltash Branch. Elected 2.3.'59.

JORDAN.—On August 1, ROBERT JORDAN, aged 72, a Western Area member. Elected 9.10.'36.

MOFFAT.—On March 21, ALAN G. S. MOFFAT, aged 64, the Treasurer of Stanley Branch. Elected 31.8.'28.

MOODY.—On August 14, FREDERICK CHARLES MOODY, aged 44, a member of Netherton Branch. Elected 8.8.'58.

OFFORD.—On August 16, THOMAS OFFORD, aged 65, a member of Stanley Branch. Elected 14.2.'62.

RICHARDS.—On April 24, WILLIAM GEORGE RICHARDS, aged 67, a Southern Area member. Elected 1.1.'52.

STARLING.—On August 8, WILFRID STARLING, aged 62, a member of Swaffham Branch. Elected 3.7.'46.

WHITE.—On July 31, RICHARD ALDHelm WHITE, aged 70, a member of Victoria B.C. Branch.

Test Tube Toc H

BOB PURDY

CHANGE IS THE characteristic of this generation, and so much of it is due to the rapid and tremendous new discoveries about our world, each one affecting not only our outlook but way of life which ages of human experience have fashioned hitherto, but slowly. So we are compelled to face facts, even though at times incomprehensible, and for the understanding of which most of our minds were not trained and very rarely even ready. We must make readjustment with what is revealed as truth, and even that deepest response to what we believe and accept as our faith cannot remain unaffected by the facts. If therefore Toc H is to be a real force in personal character and in community it must maintain its reality in complete conformity with all that is revealed as true.

We cannot escape the facts of this age of almost daily new revelation about the world in which we live. There is an eastern story of the man whose faith was not to destroy any living thing. One day he saw through the microscope a swarm of animalculae in the water he planned to drink. He met the crisis by breaking the microscope; then he felt free to act in his accustomed way. We cannot hope so to escape.

Without being unduly pessimistic—and it is not only the man of simple faith who refuses to face facts—I think it is true to say that we are ceasing to be a religious nation. The facts would appear to reveal that many of our leaders of thought and action come to their tasks, in many instances, with no religious vision and very often no concern for maintaining the faith of the founders of the very institutions they wish to serve. I am convinced from my reading of history that no nation can maintain its moral leadership

in the world without a faith that transcends material and economic interests. A very real fact today is that the impact of the intense drive and the overwhelming interest in material success, the acquisition of wealth, the achievement of status, and the drive for things, means that 'things are in the saddle'.

But this is not the only fact. A very real situation has to be met which the scientific method is incapable of dealing with. Pain, need, suffering and death, are very real facts about which experts may theorise or speculate, without giving the victim any answer at the point of impact. Science speaks with very slight authority, and is outside its proper field, when it undertakes to deal with the real values of beauty, goodness, truth, moral insight, love of the highest order, and the mind that 'knows that it knows'. Here is a whole range of values with which science is not at home.

The Last Word

So the laboratory has not the last word, as so often is suggested and presumed. For a generation bemused by the method which has been so successful in bringing order and explanation, making it natural to leap to the conclusion that the laboratory can furnish the final word, the result has been that the great moral and spiritual issues of life have been neglected.

The time has certainly come for a way of life that is fresh and in complete conformity with revealed truth, and also proves its reality as does the scientist, by the test tube method of corresponding results; a way of life self-demonstrative in results. We should then have a faith of power and not one of ancient statements and present-day ineffective talk.

We need something of a dynamism that will convince and enthuse those of the majority, absorbed and busy about the things of the world, caught in the moving treadmill or rat race, so much so that they are no longer aware or can respond to the inward whispers of the divine spirit in their soul. What ought to be a real concern of ours in this present

crisis in history, is not to discover who is to blame, but the concentration of all our energies to a fresh interpretation of our faith, of the essential spirit and truth of Toc H, and above all else, the translation of it in practical application to the sores and illnesses of our present times and environment. Our task, according to the Royal Charter, is to encourage men to seek God, and helping them to find His will and *to do* it, and according to the Main Resolution, to bring home to men that behind the ebb and flow of *things* temporal stand the eternal realities.

On Ceremony

V.—Making Things Explicit

JOHN CALLE

SHOULD THE Ceremony of Light be explicitly Christian in content? G. K. Chesterton is said to have remarked, after witnessing the Ceremony of Light: "That's the jolliest pagan ceremony I've ever taken part in!" As so often, he was making a profound observation in a light-hearted way.

Of course he didn't mean that Toc H members were a pagan sect, but the Ceremony of Light is something that is not explicitly Christian, even though we know it to have Christian implications. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven", are, we know, Our Lord's own words, but many non-Christians could give wholehearted assent to them. Some of us may feel it to be part of the genius of the present ceremony that convinced Christians and the unconvinced can join together in it wholeheartedly.

It may mean slightly different things to each, but as we were saying in an earlier article, all our differences become a unity in the little flame of the Lamp.

If Toc H really is a 'half-way house' or a frontier movement it surely follows that its central ceremony must represent that position. Some members who favour a new form of words suggest whole passages of New Testament scripture which would make the ceremony much more of a doctrinal proposition. Others, keen Christians though they may be, feel that this would be a great mistake. Peter Monie described Toc H as a "christianising society". By that he did not mean a watered-down type of Christianity, but that Toc H was implicitly Christian, facing in a Christian direction, making it easier for men to discover the Christian way of life for themselves. But Toc H itself did not impose credal or doctrinal tests.

Is that what we understand by Toc H today and if so, how should that influence the form and content of our Ceremony of Light?

The Ceremony of Initiation

The original ceremony of initiation was devised at the same time as the Ceremony of Light. Inevitably therefore it had the same overtones of the Great War. "Who goes there?" and, "Pass friend, all's well" were Army ritual. Quite recently an alternative form of initiation was introduced cutting out the Army jargon.

It must be remembered that the use of the initiation ceremony is optional; it is not compulsory and a number of perfectly good members have foregone it. This leads us to the question; is a ceremony of initiation necessary at all? Does it add anything?

One suggestion has been that a man's entry into membership should be marked, quite simply, by his taking Light for the first time. (Curiously enough, Barkis made this very same proposal in his famous article of June 1922.) If such a suggestion were to be adopted the following points could be borne in mind:

- (i) All Branch members would be informed in advance of the date when the new member would be taking Light for the first time. It would be a very special occasion, 'a three line whip' for everyone.
- (ii) The Branch Pilot would rehearse him sometime before to see that he was word perfect. (A commendable advance this would be in some Branches!)
- (iii) It would prevent more than one man from being initiated at the same time.
- (iv) There could still be some special and meaningful ceremonial. For example:
 - (a) The man could stand forth with his two sponsors.
 - (b) He could be handed a lighted taper by the Chairman or the Pilot (or the most recently joined member, symbolising the passing on of the spirit of Toc H down the line).
 - (c) After the taking of Light the Pilot or some other Branch officer could give him the charge, "See to it then that nothing keeps your light from shining . . . etc."
 - (d) The Chairman or some other Branch officer could place the badge in his button-hole and hand him his membership card.

Such a ceremony would surely be memorable for the new member and would also have deep significance for all.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

A Reminder

More entries are wanted for the open competition for suitable designs for Jubilee Year Christmas Cards

For full details see June Journal

Closing date is December 31



The Farnborough group, 1926.

Bob Marsh is seated on the left of the Banner and Dick Mills on the right.

A Buried Memory

THE EDITOR

YEOMAN 3c T. E. Morris of the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, was digging in his garden one evening last May when he unearthed a silver cigarette case with the inscription, "F. C. Marsh, from Farnborough Toc H, 8-2-1926".

Toc H meant nothing to him until research revealed something of the history of our Movement, and so he sent the story to the editor of the *Monterey Peninsula Herald*, who published it, complete with picture. A cutting found its way across the Atlantic to Mr. A. Hemingway of Chingford, East London who passed it on to Toc H Headquarters for further research.

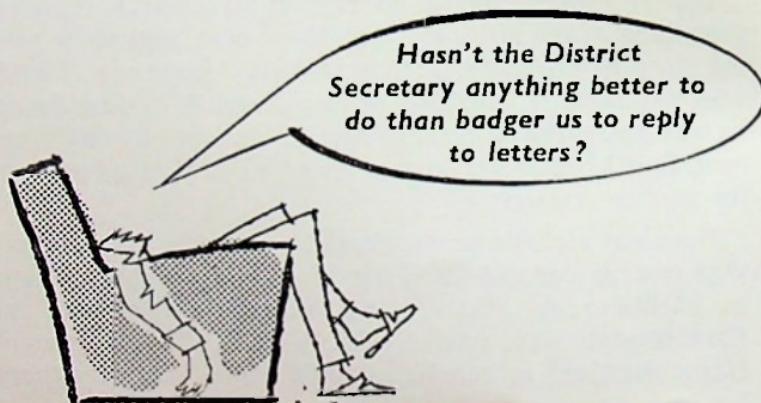
Here was a challenge to 'Fergie' upstairs in the membership records department. First of all, Farnborough, Kent or Farnborough, Hants? That was easy; there was no Farnborough, Kent unit in 1926. A check of Farnborough, Hants members revealed that Dick Mills, secretary there

in 1925, was now an Area member, still living in those parts and from him came the story.

'Bob' Marsh was a pilot in No. 4. Squadron, R.A.F., stationed at Farnborough and was one of the enthusiastic founders of the Toc H group there. He became chairman and his car was often laden with Toc H members on visits to other units in the Area. In 1926, as so often happens with Servicemen, Bob was posted—to India, and this silver cigarette case was a farewell gift from Dick Mills and his fellow members.

Tragically, soon after getting to India, Bob was killed in a car smash and his wife, who was an American, returned to her home country, presumably taking the cigarette case with her. What happened to her afterwards, or how the cigarette case came to be buried in a garden in California, is something that we don't know. But the whole story seems to remind us in Toc H that we don't have to dig very deep before we are brought to remembrance of other men's foundations and of the gratitude we rightly bear them.

Ernie says :



FROM ALL PARTS

-area news



SOUTH WALES

"What we widows and widowers need is to be able to join discussion groups run by middle-aged people. They could help us adjust ourselves to our lonely lives. Are there any in Cardiff?"

This letter in the *South Wales Echo* in July brought an immediate published reply from Bill Topham of ROATH Branch, offering to help organise such a group and provide a suitable meeting place. Over a hundred people responded from a wide radius of Cardiff, and at the opening meeting, called for August 14, over ninety people turned up. This put a severe strain on the Branch's fifty-one chairs and seventy-two cups and saucers!

Such was the enthusiasm that it was decided to hold meetings every Wednesday and Friday. Officers and committee were appointed and it is hoped that this branch, called the "Fitzalan", may be followed by others in various parts of Cardiff. The future programme aims to include theatre parties during the winter and outings during the spring and summer.

So far the great majority of the applicants have been women, but the men are well represented on the committee. The great thing is that if it had not been for Bill Topham's reply to the letter in the newspaper none of these things would have happened.

GEORGE ATKINSON

NORTHERN

The WEARSIDE District have just issued a folder, setting out the work being done by Toc H and the Women's Association and giving the aims of the Movement. Credit is due to the Branches in the number of jobs they are doing and in the way they are bringing the need for them before the public.

DARLINGTON Branch, along with Cleveland Women's District, brought pleasure to a Darlington family who, through illness of the bread-winner, have never had a holiday. A Dormobile was placed by the sea at Redcar and all helped them to enjoy their holiday.

The Northern Area Training Weekend, led by Padre John Gingell, was held on September 26-27 in St. John's College, Durham, and was a welcome revival of an earlier practice. BILL BURTON



Western Gazette

Members of Upton Pioneer Youth Group, started by Toc H,
which caters for the under-sixteens of the district.

SOUTHERN

The new groups at Fleet, Shanklin, Upton and Winchester are now well established, and it seems that they will have the privilege of receiving Branch status about the time of the Jubilee. It is hoped that several other new groups will be getting under way in the early Autumn; one of these will be a joint unit.

After over thirty years, HARTLEY WINTNEY Branch have had to move from their Branch headquarters. This was a sad time for the Branch, for the Loft in Albion Yard was not only a meeting place, but a workshop, and from it, during the years, many successful projects have been planned and executed. All is well again now, as the Branch have purchased a property in a central position in the village. It includes a cottage; builder's yard; and outbuildings which include a loft with ample storage space underneath. The members are now busy preparing the new headquarters.

More Branches seem to be concerning themselves with the needs of younger folk. BRANKSOME Branch have their Branksome Pioneers, a youth group quite independent of the Branch, but run by one of the members, who keeps the group in touch with the local needs for service and gets their co-operation in any corporate jobs that are going on. In Shanklin, the new Toc H group are in close touch with the local youth club, and Winchester group are in touch with the club for young spastic folk.

The Record Request section of the Hospital Broadcasts Society in Southampton is planning to extend its programmes, and to this end a line now goes to the Children's Hospital so that a weekly programme specially for young folk can be arranged. It is also planned to run a topical interest programme, which will include

a fashion spot for the ladies' wards. In order that all this extension may be carried through in the best tradition of quality, it is planned to construct a special soundproof studio in the cellar at Mark V, and work on the alterations has already started.

Again this year a successful 'Nite Rave', 'Shake', or 'Rock Rhytm and Blues' session was held in the grounds of Mark V, led by two well-known local 'Beat Groups'. The proceeds were given to help the work of Toc H.

FRED BROOKER



Skyrack Express

Tadcaster Branch members and friends, who run the library service at Thorp Arch Children's Orthopaedic Hospital, sit down to their first annual dinner.

NOTTS. & DERBY

The Area is pressing ahead with its scheme called GYRO. This is really the 'Promotion of District Teams'. The name was chosen because a gyroscope is an instrument designed to detect deviation from the normal! District Teams are being encouraged, not merely to assess a Branch once a year, but to keep a constant eye on it with a view to helping to correct any adverse changes in its life at an early stage. GYRO stands for Granting Yearly Renewal Operation.

The Area now owns a new tape recorder and a 16mm. sound movie projector. It is planned to train interested members to act as operators so that the equipment can be widely used.

Jubilee plans occupy much of our thinking. There is no shortage of ideas, from the much-abused Guest-night to a delightful scheme for sending Mods and Rockers on a Toc H promoted motorcycle rally to Bagdad. There is a shortage of willing and able workers, and if celebrations are not to go off at 'half-cock' there must be adequate planning and preparation. We are still hopeful that the right kind of members will be enthused to implement the schemes envisaged.

BILL HARRIS

EAST ANGLIA

The Toc H Youth Service is one of the CLACTON Jubilee efforts. It is run by a committee which includes three Toc H members and representatives from the larger youth organisations. There is also a strong representation from the town's "Youth Council", which might one day be called upon to take over the entire project.



East Essex Gazette

**The real Clacton ! Youth Service Committee members
chopping wood for distribution to old people.**

The Committee meets at the Branch headquarters about once every three weeks. At each meeting incoming jobs are approved and passed on to the appropriate youth organisation for action. For example, the Sea Scouts were asked to help with door-to-door collections for the Missions to Deep Sea Fishermen; Red Cross Cadets gave a party to orphanage children; college girls were given a list of aged and infirm needing help, the list being provided by the Home Help Service; the Youth Centre are tackling gardens for the infirm or physically handicapped; Senior Scouts are cutting up logs for distribution to old people at Christmas time.

Clacton Branch is especially concerned about using 'uncommitted youngsters'—those who belong to no organisation at all. It is hoped to form a Service Group of these very people, offering them a week-night meeting at their new headquarters.

The Secretary of the scheme is a member of Toc H and of the Youth Council. The initial funds were obtained by a grant from the Branch and additional funds were raised by Toc H and the Youth Council working together.

REG SMITH



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